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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 4780

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PINS, MILI, SY, LE
SUBJECT: NLP MEMBER CLAIMS SYRIANS PLANNING OFFENSIVE

1. ILLUSTRATIVE OF HYSTERICAL STATE OF SOME CHRISTIANS,
NABIL NOUJAIM, AIDE TO DANY CHAMOUN, PHONED EMBOFF
IN GREAT STATE OF EXCITEMENT AFTERNOON AUGUST 17.
NOUJAIM ASSERTED THAT HE HAD INFORMATION THAT SYRIANS
WERE GOING TO LAUNCH MAJOR OFFENSIVE AGAINST CHRISTIAN
SUBURBS OF BEIRUT OVER WEEKEND. HE ASKED IF WE COULD
CONFIRM. EMBOFF STRESSED WE HAD NO SUCH INDICATION.

2. COMMENT: NOUJAIM IS A CONSTANT PROPHET OF DOOM. NEVER-
THELESS, HIS ASSERTIONS REFLECT JUMPINESS OF
CHRISTIAN MILITIAS AND THEIR BELIEF THAT PRESENT CEASE-
FIRE IS VERY FRAGILE. IF PAST EXPERIENCE IS GUIDE, SUCH
PROPHECIES CAN BECOME SELF-FULFILLING BY MAKING NERVOUS
MILITIAMEN MORE APT TO OPEN FIRE ON SYRIAN SOLDIERS.
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